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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SLOPE COMPENSATING TREE STAND

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DAY/MO/YR FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED

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PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S)

APPLICATION SER. NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

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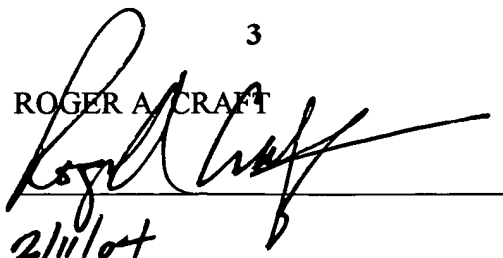
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